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[XXXX] Applicant claims small entity status under 37 CFR § 1.27.

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Sir:

In response to the presently outstanding rejection, please amend the above-captioned patent application to place same in condition for allowance:

IN THE DESCRIPTION

Please amend the description as follows. Applicant respectfully urges that this added material does not introduce new matter.

On page 1, replace the two pars. beginning at line 4:

The present invention relates generally to the field of identification, classification, and inventory tracking of articles sold or stored in bulk. In particular, the present invention relates to an article and method utilized for identifying, classifying, and tracking articles that are packaged or stored in bulk wherein the packaging is such that only one surface of the articles are viewable by the user, and where the articles are of the type having an elongate substantially cylindrical shape with a first end surface that is normally the same visually as a second end surface.

Some articles are packaged in bulk and sent to the consumer in that condition, and when the consumer receives the articles, the packaging is opened in such a way that only one surface of the articles is visible. The articles can be packaged such that the articles themselves could be visible, or alternatively, they could be packaged in boxes or cartons having a surface visible. One such example is in the field of elongated fluorescent

fluorescent light bulbs.